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FOLLOWING IS TEXT WHICH SCALI WILL DELIVER TO SC TOMORROW
MORNING:

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT:

I HOPE I SPEAK FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN
I EXPRESS THE JOY AND THE RELIEF WITH WHICH MY GOVERNMENT
WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY BETWEEN SYRIA
AND ISRAEL. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR
THE DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES. IT WAS
SIGNED TODAY BY SYRIAN AND ISRAELI MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES
IN THE EGYPTIAN - ISRAELI MILITARY WORKING GROUP OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE.

WE CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA. WE
COMMEND PRIME MINISTER MEIR AND PRESIDENT ASSAD FOR THE
VISION AND THE STATESMANSHIP WITH WHICH THEY HAVE RESOLVED
THE GREAT DIFFERENCES THAT SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE ONLY A
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SHORT TIME AGO. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE UNITED STATES,

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, WAS PRIVILEGED TO HELP BRING ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT.

ISREAL AND SYRIA HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD PLAY A CRUCIAL PART IN THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT. A PROTOCOL TO THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE. THIS FORCE WILL PLAY A KEY AND INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN MAINTAINING A CEASEFIRE, AND SEEING THAT IT IS SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED. I ASK, THEREFORE, THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE.

IN APPROVING THE RESOLUTION WHICH YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, THE COUNCIL WILL BE TAKING THE NEXT CRITICAL STEP IN THE NOW QUICKENING MOVEMENT TOWARD A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE RESOLUTION IS SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD. IT IS GROUNDED ON THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS OF THIS COUNCIL AND THE STATEMENT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL. I URGE ITS EXPEDITIOUS ADOPTION.

THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED EARLIER ON DISENGAGEMENT OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FORCES, WILL OPEN THE WAY FOR PROGRESS IN GENEVA TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS PRESIDENT NIXON SAID YESTERDAY, THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A PEACE 'NOW ARE BETTER THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST 25 YEARS'. PRESIDENT NIXON PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE WORKING WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA TOWARDS THIS GOAL.

TODAY WE ARE CONSIDERING NOT MERELY ABSTRACT ISSUES OF MILITARY UNITS AND BORDERS. WE ARE, RATHER, GRAPPLING WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT AND YET THE MOST HUMAN OF ISSUES -- WAR OR PEACE. TODAY THIS COUNCIL HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE AN HISTORIC STEP FOR PEACE.

WE HAVE INDEED COME A LONG WAY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE STARTED DOWN A NEW ROAD. IT IS WITHIN OUR POWER TO EASE THEIR JOURNEY. I
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AM CONFIDENT THAT, WITH THE AID OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THIS COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR, STEADY PROGRESS CAN CONTINUE TO BE MADE, UNTIL WE ATTAIN OUR LONG-SOUGHT GOAL -- LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. END QUOTE BROWN

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